

The Silent "U"

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER



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LUING CATTLE SOCIETY

OPEN DAY

FRIDAY THE 21st AUGUST 2026

From 10:30AM

— *Isle of Luing* —

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Office update

APPLICATIONS FOR INSPECTIONS & DAM CLASSIFICATION

We are rapidly approaching the traditional time for inspections of young breeding bulls, which also includes the classification of their dams. Members are invited to make their applications for inspection by 31st August, latest. Application forms can be filled out from the website under the latest news tab.

Bulls which are put forward for inspection should also have a **DNA analysis result** or have had hair sample **submitted by 31st August**, to ensure a timely result.

DNA PROFILING YOUR ANIMALS

Gentle reminder to members who wish to DNA profile their animals, that results will take up to 4 weeks to be reported after submission to the lab. This time does not include when you send your samples in to the office. We make every effort to send your samples to the lab in a timely manner, but to keep costs down we send samples away in bulk, so there may be a delay in your samples being sent. It is therefore important to send in your samples in plenty of time before you require the results as some samples may also need to be retested or even resampled.

If you require sample bags, please contact the office or apply for DNA through Grassroots.

Going forward, all bulls used for breeding **MUST** be sire verified. This means that all 2028 calves will be registered from a sire verified bull.



Sale entry applications for the Autumn breeding sale, Stirling is now open on Grassroots!

JOURNAL ADVERTISING

Planning for the 2027 Luings Journal is underway and we just wanted to flag that there is plenty of opportunity for advertising your herd within the publication. Adverts should be submitted by **15th October** and be in ready-to-print pdf format. The publication is A4 portrait and printed in full colour. An application form is available on the website (publications page), which includes pricing options. We respectfully remind you to please be accurate and factual in any claims made.

Chairman's Message

It feels like time is marching on at an alarming pace, summer show season is nearly at an end! I would like to thank Andrew and Alastair McNee, Stephen Little and Sion Owen for supplying cattle for the show stands. Cattle draws people onto the stand and the quality of stock provided was second to none. A massive thanks to members who helped with the show season and especially Mark Thomson and Jo Marsden for lugging the trailer up and down the country. All the shows have been well received with firm interest in the breed at each event.

Unfortunately, we received the resignation of our fieldsman Charles Symons. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Charles for all his hard work and dedication throughout his time as fieldsman. Charles has been instrumental in propelling the society to where it is today and very much appreciated by myself and council. We would like to wish Charles all the best for his future endeavours and remain a part of the society.

The Breed Manger's role has been advertised, and interviews have been carried out. I would like to announce that the Breed Manger role has been taken on by Bruce Gilchrist. Many members will know Bruce, who has been a part of the family for a long time. Bruce has previously spent time on council, established his own herd at Floors farming and has a real passion for the breed. We look forward to working with Bruce.

Within Pedigree Cattle Services office, Jenna Kyle has settled in very well and has taken on the secretarial duties for the society. Jenna works Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, out with these days members queries will still be handled in office hours.

Congratulations to those who sold cattle at the spring breeding sale at Dingwall. Trade was exceptional as was the quality of stock put forward. It is nice to see supporters of society sales being rewarded so well.

I look forward to seeing members on the 21st of August at the 60th anniversary open day on the Island of Luing by kind permission of the Cadzow family.

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All DNA samples and postal correspondence should be sent to this address.

www.luingcattlesociety.co.uk

Important Dates

August

- 21st- Cadzow Open day
- 31st- Application Deadline for Bull Inspection notification forms
- 31st- DNA hair sample submission deadline

September

- 25th- Closing date for Autumn Breeding Sale entries

October

- 19th- Journal Advert Deadline
- 31st- Society Autumn Sale Stirling- United Auctions

November

- 14th- Isle of Luing (Society Approved Sale) Oban Livestock Centre
- TBC- Young breeders workshop

December

- 4th- Closing date for Premier Sale Entries and Stirling Bull Sale Entries

COUNCIL UPDATES

- Census updates on grassroots will now be in line with registrations- to be completed by the end of February 2027
- Any bulls which fail inspection at Society sales will get a red mark and stay in the pen, not sold through the society sale and will not receive a pen card.
- If bulls don't pass the testicular measurement at the time of bull inspection and classification, the owner has the right to get the bull measured by a vet up to the 1st June in the year that the bull becomes 2 years old. Vet letter required.
- All bulls used from the 2027 breeding season onwards should be sire verified.
- Any stock advertised (website & Facebook) will be charged £100
- 2% charge when using Brokerage Scheme

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